MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : The date on which he went on leave?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Soon after the G. O. was received by the Excise Commissioner.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : May I know whether in view of the importance of the question, Government will order for the expedition of the report?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Qualification for Assistant Inspectresses and Head Mistresses of girls' schools.

91. **MRS. ANNA CHANDI** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any rule in the Education Department that B. A., L. T.'s alone can be appointed as Assistant Inspectresses and Head Mistresses of girls' schools ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether there are in service any Assistant Inspectresses who are not graduates, and if so, how many ;

(*c*) whether any undergraduate Head Mistresses were removed from their places as a result of the above rule ;

(*d*) whether the undergraduate Head Mistresses were deprived of the allowance they used to get ;

(*e*) whether the undergraduate Head Mistresses complained to the Government about the matter ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the action taken in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes ; but the order does not affect the undergraduates who were working as Assistant Inspectresses of girls' schools at the time it was issued.

(*b*) Yes—three.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The undergraduates who were Headmistresses of English middle schools for girls ceased to receive the local allowance they were drawing from the date of their replacement by trained graduates, as the allowance was not personal to them but was attached to the posts of Head Mistresses.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Extension of concessions under the Land Assignment Rules to the members of the Minachil-Ramapuram Visvakarma Samajam.

92. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether they received any petition in Kumbham 1106 from the members of the Minachil-Ramapuram Visvakarma Samajam for extending to them the concessions allowed to the depressed classes under the Land Assignment Rules ; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken or the decision made by the Government on that petition ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No such petition was received from the members of the Minachil-Ramapuram Visvakarma Samajam in Kumbhom 1106.

(*b*) In view of the above answer, this question does not arise.

Minimum qualification for appointment as Head Mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses

93. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any order has been issued prescribing the minimum qualification for the appointment of Head Mistresses of English middle schools for girls and Assistant Inspectresses of girls ;

(*b*) if so, the minimum qualification so prescribed ;

(*c*) whether this order affects the appointment of those who are already permanment Head Mistresses and Assistant Inspectresses, but not possessing this minimum qualification ;

(*d*) whether they have received any complaint from any Head Mistresses or any Assistant Inspectresses, jointly or separately, about the hardships of such an order ; and

(*e*) if so, whether any exemption has been granted to any of the complainants ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes, but the order does not affect the undergraduates who were working as Assistant Inspectresses of girls' schools at the time it was issued.

(*b*) B. A., L. T.

(*c*) Yes. It affects the undergraduates who were working as Head Mistresses of English middle schools for girls at the time it was issued but not Assistant Inspectresses in the same position.

(*d*) Yes. From Head Mistresses of English Middle Schools for Girls.

(*e*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : With reference to part (*a*) of the question, may I know why Government thought it necessary to create a difference, among Assistant Inspectresses, in the treatment accorded to them ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Assistant Inspectresses had very long service in administrative and executive work, and it was considered that it would be a hardship to them to transfer them as assistants in schools after they had been in independent positions for years. Further, they may not now be fit to teach as they have been long out of touch with teaching work. On the other hand, the Head Mistresses were already in the teaching line, so that there would be no hardship in retaining them there.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*) : Are not the cases of Head Mistresses of long teaching experience equally hard.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are Head Mistresses who have had long experience ; and they continue to teach.

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